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Ioannis Pallikaris et al.

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EPITHELIUM LAYER FROM THE
SURFACE OF THE CORNEA OF
AN EYE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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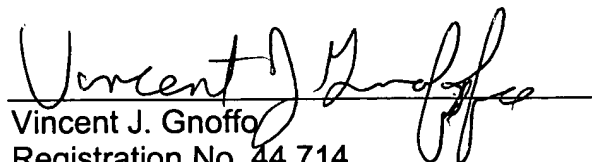
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This application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/911,356, filed July 23, 2001 and is relied upon for an earlier filing dated under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) only copies of documents not previously cited and submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the prior application Serial No. 09/911,356 are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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